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SUBMISSION OF SUPPLEMENTAL REISSUE DECLARATION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action issued on January 24, 2007, Applicants request that the Supplemental Reissue Declaration submitted herewith be accepted.

According to the Office Action and the Interview Summary contained therein, Examiner deemed the original Declaration to be improper under U.S.C. §251 because it failed to identify at least one error which is relied upon to support the reissue for the application.

In response, Applicants submit herewith the original Supplemental Reissue Declaration, which was previously faxed over to the Examiner's direct fax line for her review. Since no further communication had been received from the Patent Office, it is Applicants' belief that the

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Supplemental Reissue Declaration that was faxed over is proper and will overcome the current non-final Office Action.

Consideration on the merits is requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions or concerns regarding this response, Applicants request that the Examiner contact the Applicants' representative at the number listed below.

No fee is believed to be necessary for this submission. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this communication, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 08-2461. Such authorization includes authorization to charge fees for extensions of time, if any, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 and also should be treated as a constructive petition for an extension of time in this reply or any future reply pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136.

Respectfully submitted,

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